

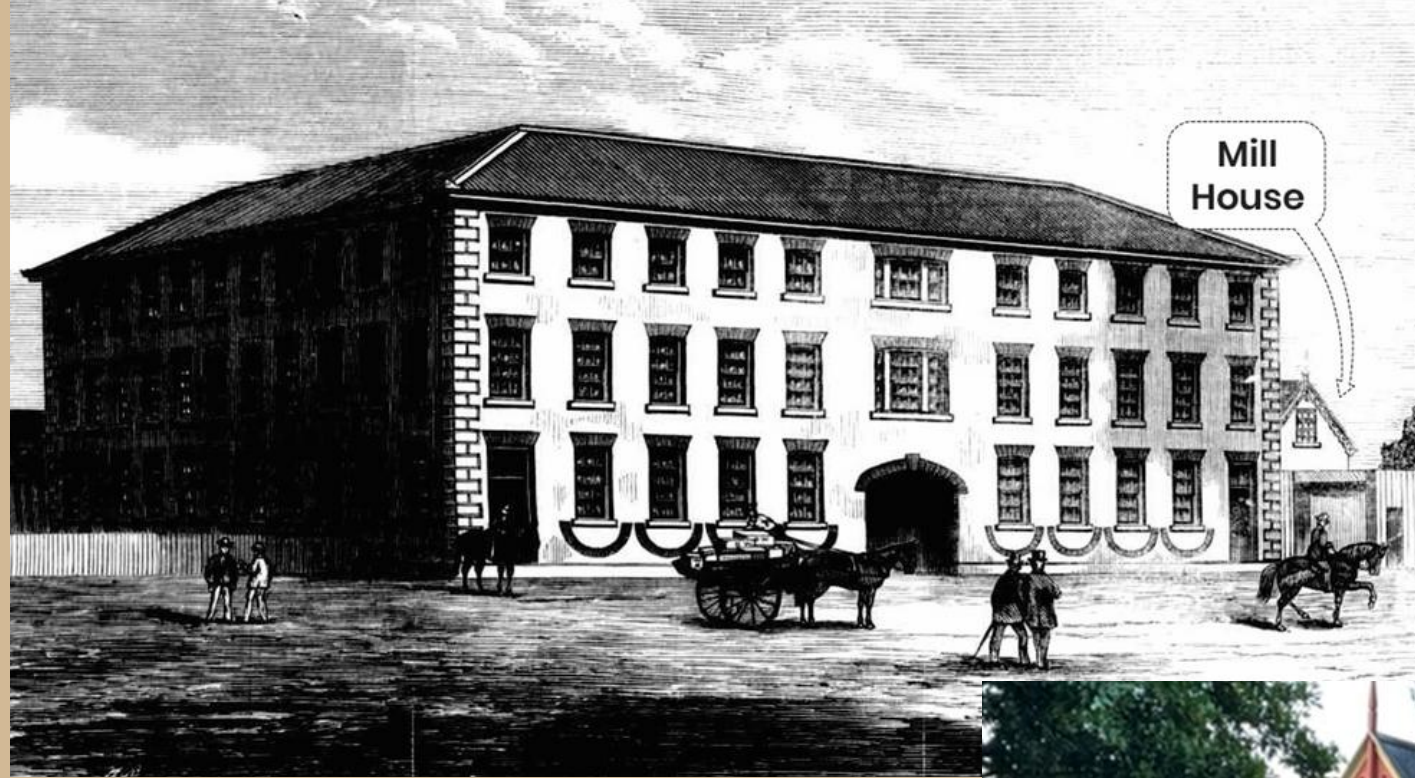
Educational Site Studies

**History material for the
Classroom and at home.**



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Marrickville Metro



Mill House
Built 1860s at 34 Victoria Rd



Vicars Woollen Mill
1918 – 1928 (flooding)

Dawn Fraser Baths

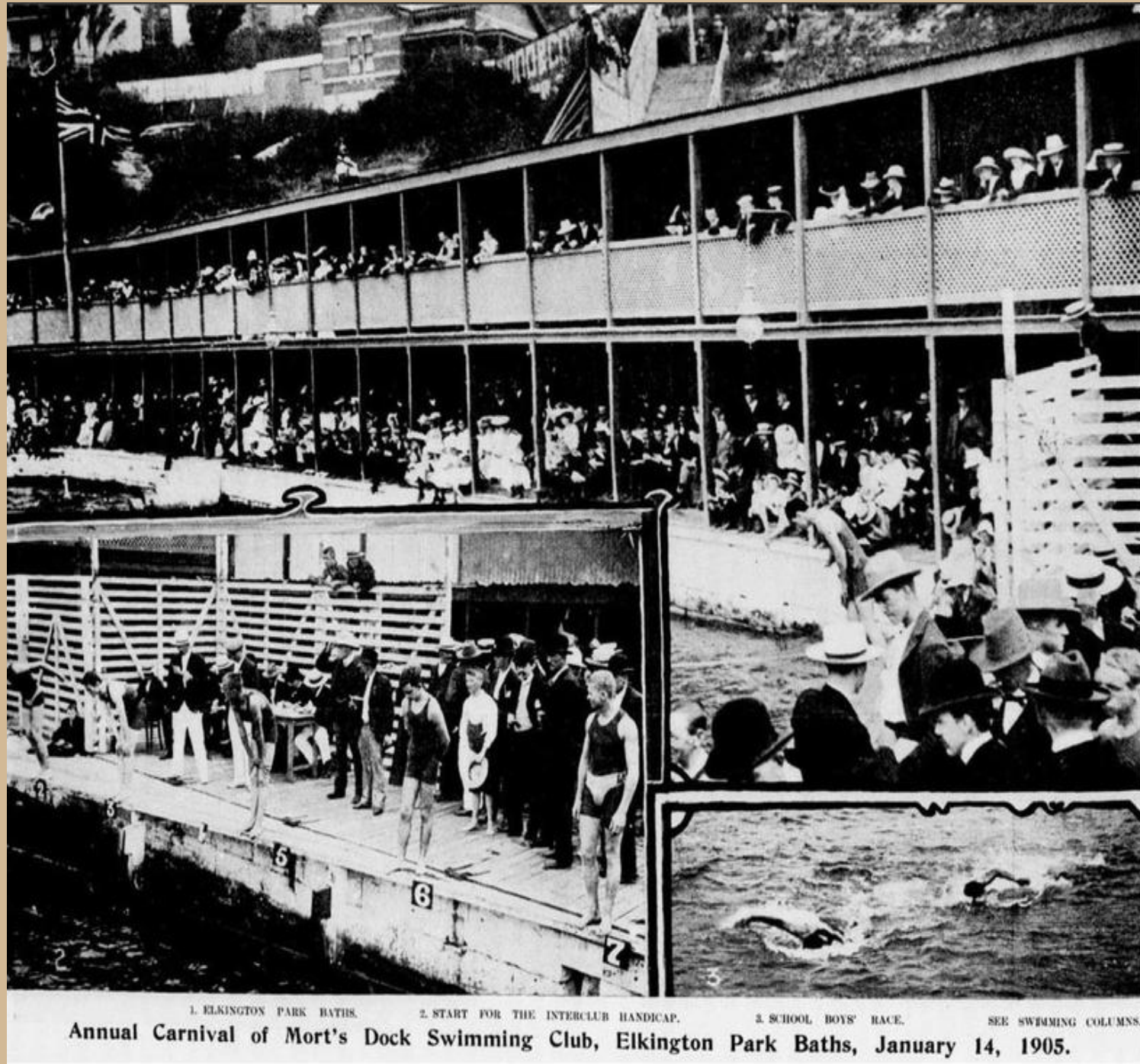


White Horse Point Balmain 1870s

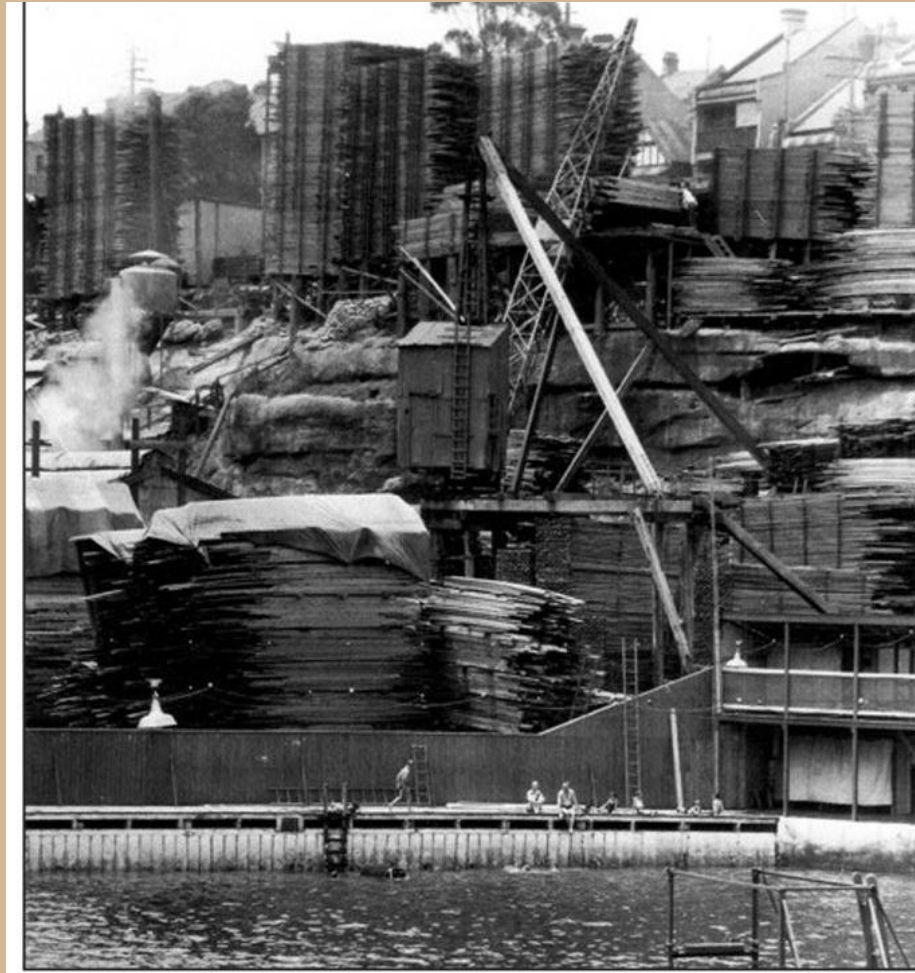


National Box Factory and Pool 1940s

Dawn Fraser Baths



1. ELKINGTON PARK BATHS. 2. START FOR THE INTERCLUB HANDICAP. 3. SCHOOL BOYS' RACE. SEE SWIMMING COLUMNS.
Annual Carnival of Mort's Dock Swimming Club, Elkington Park Baths, January 14, 1905.



National Box Co. courtesy Merlin Hanson family

TWO SHARKS IN BALMAIN BATHS

During the week two sharks about 6ft. long got through the piles and remained in the enclosure of Balmain Municipal Baths for two days, without any determined attempt being made to capture them. One young man had a very narrow escape, being on a springboard ready to dive when he observed what he termed "a funny fish." The baths are to be thoroughly overhauled to-morrow.

Schoolgirl Beats 8 Men Swimmers

Shirley Dowd, a 13-year-old schoolgirl, won yesterday's Leichhardt-Balmain League 220 yards handicap at Balmain Baths.

Off the limit she beat a class field of eight men rivals by four yards.

Another fine swim was recorded by Joan Good to gain third place in the "A" division.

Both girls were permitted to start because of insufficient entries for a separate women's event.





Welcome

Welcome to this immersive educational site study of Dawn Fraser Pool located in the Inner West of Sydney.

This site study is designed for educators, students, researchers and the community. With embedded tools such as virtual reality, historical sliders, 3D maps and 360-degree views, you can explore the changes throughout history of this unique Sydney harbourside sea pool.

This site study is compatible with curriculum objectives for the NSW history syllabus, years 7-10.

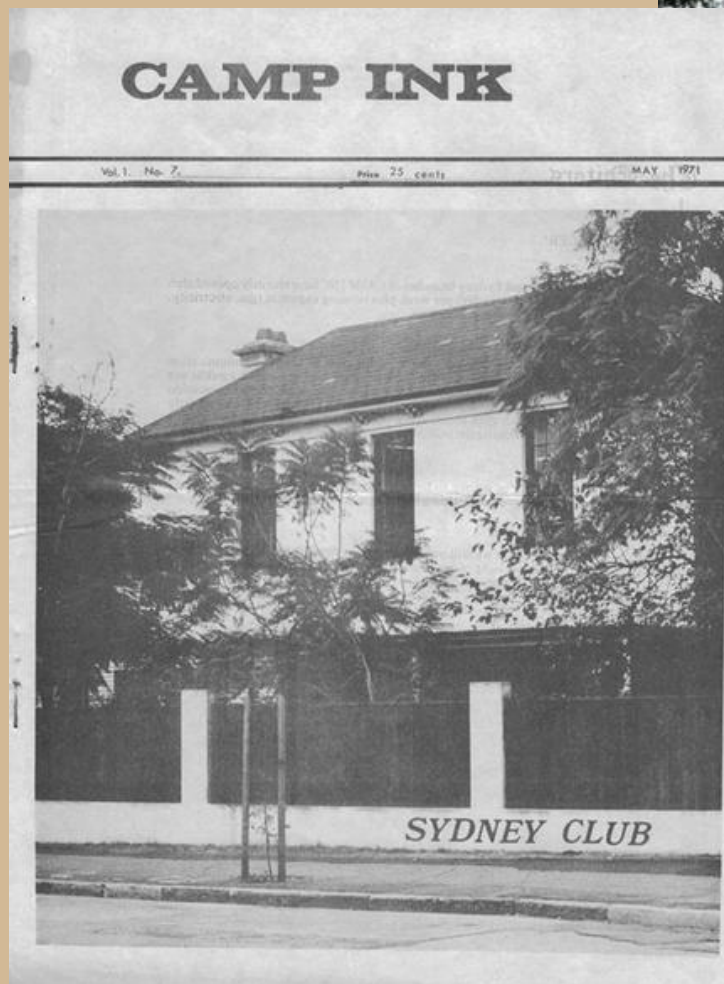
To see all Inner West Library's site studies, visit: [Historical site study: Educational site studies for teachers years 7-10 - Inner West Council](#)



Explore



LGBTQ+



CAMP INK opened in 1971; The clubhouse is located opposite Balmain Library at 393 Darling Street.

'Campaign Against Moral Persecution'



Peter (Bon) Bonsall-Boone (1938–2017) and Peter de Waal

📍 Darling Street, Rozelle

Bon and Peter featured in the 1972 ABC documentary series Chequerboard and during the program they shared what became the first male same sex kiss on Australian television. They were founding members of CAMP NSW and set up the first gay and lesbian phone counselling service in NSW Phone-A-Friend at their Balmain home in 1973. They continued to be active in the gay rights movement and took part in the first Sydney Gay and Lesbian Mardi Gras in 1978. Throughout their lives they have continued to campaign for justice and equality and have been active members of Sydney's Pride History Group.



LGBTQ+



Robyn Plaister

📍 Norton Street, Leichhardt

Robyn has been dedicated to the LGBTQ+ community being involved actively for nearly 50 years. She worked on the Executive of CAMP from 1973 to 1978 and was on the organising committee for the first Mardi Gras in 1978. After the first Mardi Gras, Robyn nearly lost her job as a teacher when she appeared on the front pages of the Telegraph. Robyn was innovative in recognising where there was a need and started Lesbian Mothers' Group in 1976 and Lesbian Teachers Group in NSW in 1978. Robyn is a role model to younger lesbians in teaching and in life.



24th June 1978 the first Mardi Gras held in Sydney, on a date that commemorated the Stonewall Uprising in NYC.

Long-time Inner West resident Robyn Plaister resisting arrest at the first Mardi Gras



Educational material

Teachers' notes and Syllabus links

This site study has been designed to align with the new Stage 5 (years 9 and 10) NSW History Syllabus, which was written in 2024 and will be implemented in 2027. It also aligns, however, with the current Stage 5 (years 9 and 10) NSW History Syllabus that was written in 2012, which is currently being phased out (though will likely still be taught in 2025 and 2026). In both versions of the curriculum, a site study is mandatory for History during Stage 5; either a virtual site study or a visit to a physical location. These resources provide everything you need to conduct a virtual site study on the Inner West LGA of Sydney, located on unceded Gadigal and Wangal land. Within this large site/area, the focus of this site study will be to investigate local LGBTQ+ history from the area, from roughly the 1970s through to today.

The resources that make up this virtual site study include:

- Teachers' notes and Syllabus links (pdf)
- Historical sources (pdf and xlsx)
- Powerpoint presentation that can be used in class to introduce the site study to students.
- Guided Historical Inquiry: Worksheets that guide students through the process of conducting a mini historical inquiry, following the 'process of historical inquiry' outlined in the Stage 5 History Syllabus (pdf)
- Extended bibliography of Inner West to this site study (pdf and xlsx)
- A video guide for teachers that introduces the resources above.

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Marrickville Metro Site Study:
Questions on evidence



Questions 3 – 21

(include relevant source numbers to support your answer)

3. What evidence is there of Aboriginal people in the Cooks River area before European occupation?
4. What resources were available in the vicinity of Marrickville Metro and the Cooks River area prior to European occupation?
5. What evidence is there for agriculture on the site?

Inner West LGBTQ+ History Site Study:
Historical Sources



Source 1: Article in The Australian newspaper, 10th September 1970, by Janet Hawley.



In this article, published in The Australian newspaper on 10th September 1970, activist John Ware announced the founding of 'CAMP Inc.'. 'CAMP' stands for 'Campaign Against Moral Persecution'. As explained in the article, the initial goals of CAMP Inc. were to challenge misconceptions about homosexuality, to encourage LGBTQ+ people to 'come out', to offer support and community to LGBTQ+ people who might be feeling isolated, and to push for law reform (male homosexuality was still illegal in 1970). Shortly after this article was



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